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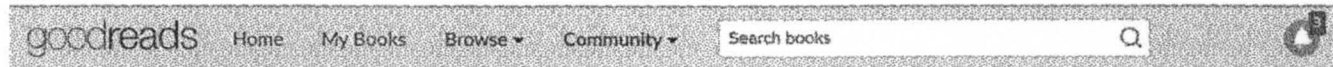
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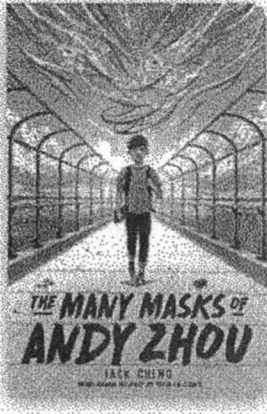
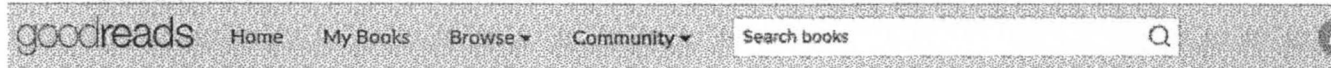
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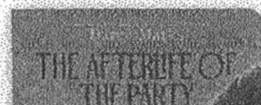
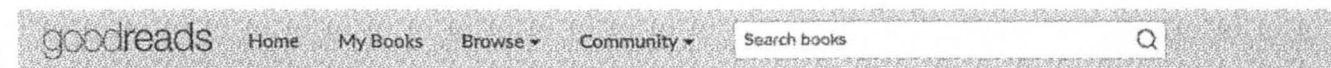
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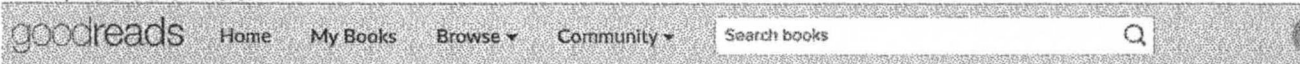
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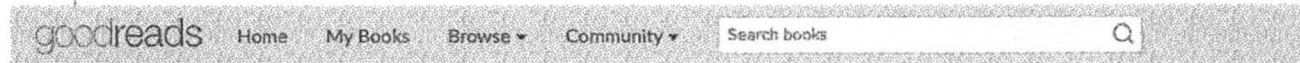
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Ditch That Textbook

Practical teaching & tech ideas for class tomorrow

Thursday, October 19, 2023 -- 900 words, 3.5 minutes

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We've talked this week about using images to make learning memorable and fun. Today I'll introduce you to classroom tech tool that emphasizes your students' creativity -- and uses the power of AI, too!

There are THREE (!) upcoming virtual events to learn about below. Plus, if you have an interactive display in your classroom, you'll want to check this last one out.

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In this email newsletter:

- 🏆 5 reasons why Adobe Express is a must-have tool for your classroom
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All in One Editor

A new user-friendly all-in-one editor that enables users to create and edit graphics, photos, and videos.

3



Animate from Audio

Create a variety of talking character animations using audio.

4



Real-time Collaboration

Students can work together on projects and share their ideas in real-time.

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- It's free for educators, students, schools -- education! You can create a free educator account (with premium account features) and invite students. Or your district can deploy it to everyone.

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-  **Generative AI:** Use Adobe Firefly to create custom images and text effects using text prompts
-  **Animate from Audio:** This fun tool lets you create a talking animated character using audio.
-  **Real-time collaboration:** I've been hoping for this one! Students can work on projects together in real time.

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Check out all that Adobe Express has to offer in our latest post: [5 reasons why Adobe Express is a must-have tool for your classroom](#)

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Have you checked out my book *AI for Educators*? It's an easy-to-understand book about AI, its implications on the classroom, how you can use it, and how to think about academic integrity.

★★★★★ "A candid, straightforward book about AI for educators. His conversational, down-to-earth style makes it feel as if you're having a professional chat in the teacher workroom with him." -- Amazon review by Kim

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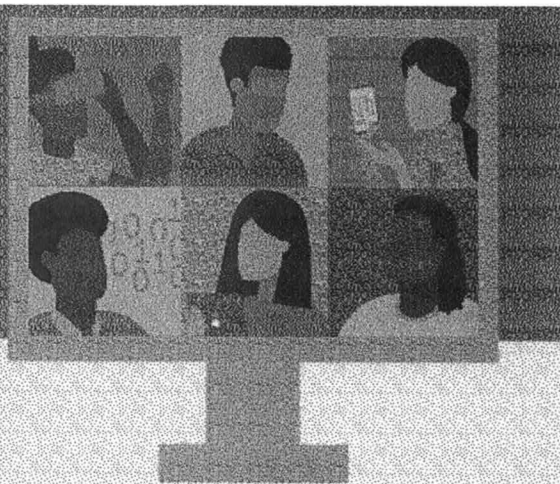


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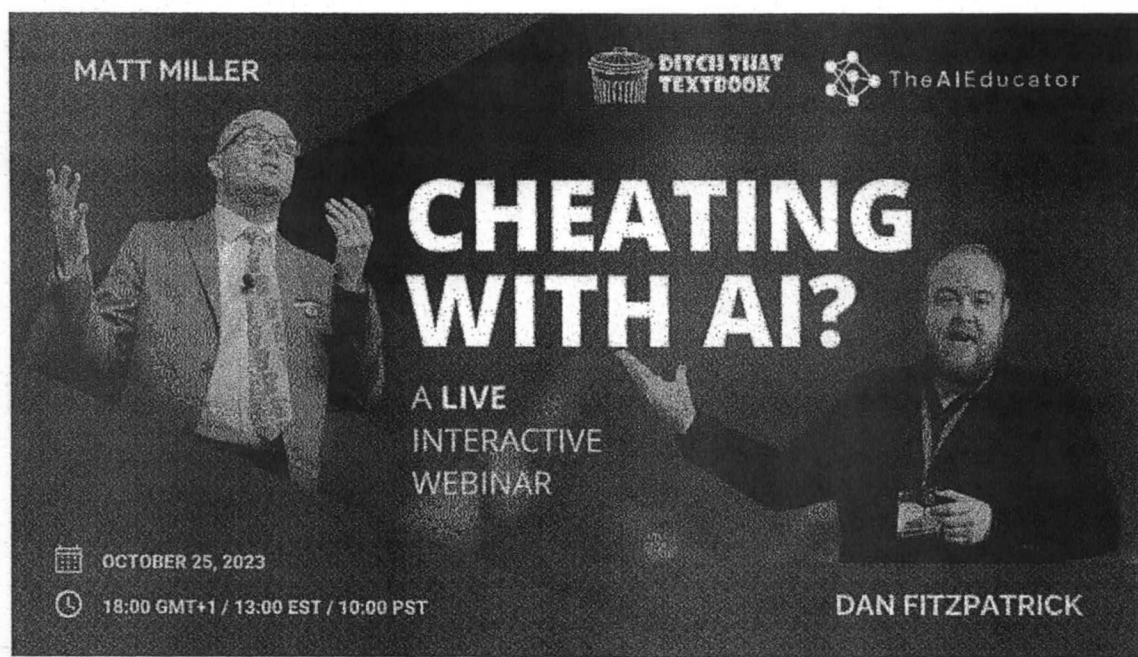
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Dan Fitzpatrick, "The AI Educator," and I are teaming up on a free webinar next Wednesday called "Cheating with AI?".

We're both authors of books on AI in education. I'm excited to bounce ideas around with him -- and for you to join us in the discussion!

Why: In our work with teachers, this is a common question that everyone seems to be trying to answer. We've discussed it with other educators and leaders in education, and we have some thoughts and suggestions.

What: We'll delve into the ethical implications of using artificial intelligence in educational settings. Is it cheating, or merely a sign of the times? Discover innovative ways to redesign assignments, while also fostering critical skills necessary for the AI Era.

When: 1:00 p.m. U.S. Eastern time / 10:00 a.m. U.S. Pacific time on Wednesday, October 25

Register for the webinar, "Cheating with AI?" [here!](#)

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Looking for more ideas to understand, adapt to, and use artificial intelligence in class?

Look no further than CuriCon! It's a free virtual event put on by Curipod. I'll be speaking, and so will Dan Fitzpatrick (above)!

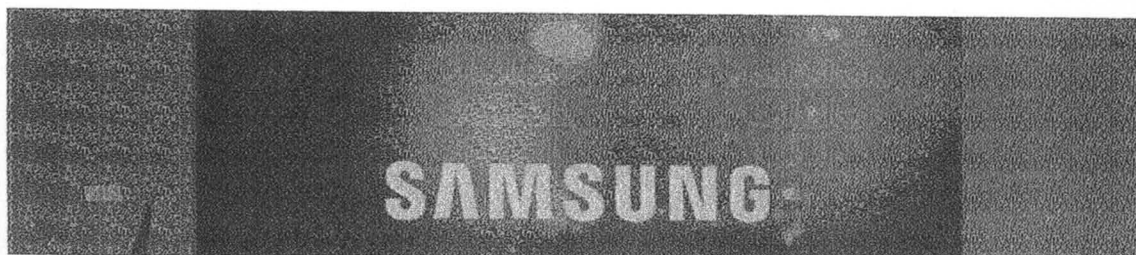
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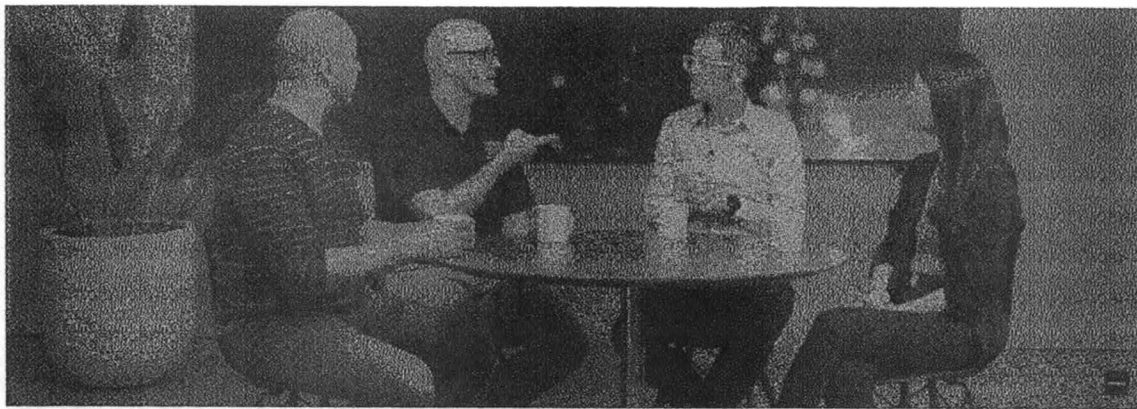
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 **Interactive displays, the connected classroom, and you**





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How can we make the most of them?

In this video -- part of a series on using tech in the classroom -- I join edtech experts Dee Lanier, Dr. Micah Shippee, and Dr. Monica Burns for a roundtable discussion.

You can see the ideas we brainstormed in the video here (or in the whole series here).

Want to learn more about Samsung interactive displays and how they level up learning in the classroom? Explore and imagine the possibilities here.

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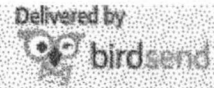
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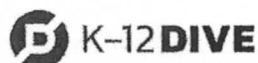
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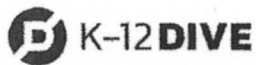
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